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In re Application of

Qinghua LI et al.

Application No. 10/749,665

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**DECISION ON PETITION** 

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 22, 2008 and resubmitted on August 25, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue and publication fees on or before October 09, 2007, as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, mailed July 09, 2007. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is October 10, 2007.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of payment of the issue fee of \$1440 and the publication fee of \$300, (2) the petition fee of \$1540; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the Issue Fee payment is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

The duplicate publication fee of \$300 will be refunded to the Deposit Account 50-4238.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at (571) 272-2783.

This application is being referred to Data Management for processing into a patent.

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